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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3069

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 4227

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS MO

SUBJECT: LOS: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING
AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REFERENCE: STATE 193107 (CARACAS 8544)

1. WHILE LOCAL REACTION TO PROPOSED BILLS DIFFICULT TO
PREDICT WITH ANY PRECISION, WE HAVE NO REASON TO
BELIEVE AT PRESENT THAT MOROCCO WOULD UNILATERALLY DECLARE
200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF BILLS. RISK
OF UNILATERAL ACTION WOULD PROBABLY INCREASE IF BILLS ACTUALLY
PASSED, BUT GOM UNLIKELY IN ANY CASE, IN OUR VIEW, TO
PUT FORTH CLAIM TO 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA WITHOUT EXCEPTING
FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT. BROADER EFFECT
OF PASSAGE OF BILLS MIGHT BE TO UNDERCUT GOM INTEREST IN
LOS NEGOTIATIONS IN GENERAL, AS WELL AS POSSIBLY LESSENING
GOM'S WILLINGNESS TO MODERATE POSITIONS NOT IN HARMONY
WITH US POSITIONS ON SUCH ISSUES AS STRAITS.

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2. WE WISH TO POINT OUT AT SAME TIME THAT GOM'S LOS
EXPERT (GHARBI) HAS NOT RESPONDED FOR OVER A YEAR TO OUR
REQUESTS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM ON SUBJECT, AND WE
THEREFORE DO NOT HAVE GOOD FEEL FOR GOM'S CURRENT
THINKING. GHARBI HAS, OF COURSE, HAD RECENT CONTACTS
WITH OUR DELEGATION IN CARACAS. OTHER GOM OFFICIALS
DEFER TO GHARBI ON LOS MATTERS.
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